

# JOINT RESOLUTIONS AND MEMORIALS.

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## NUMBER 1.

### COMMITTEE ON DES MOINES IMPROVEMENT.

*Resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa,* Employ clerk.  
That the joint committee to whom was referred that portion of the Governor's Message relating to the Des Moines river Improvement, are hereby authorized to employ a clerk to assist them in their investigations, and that they be authorized to send for such persons and papers as they may find necessary to make a full and fair investigation of all matters connected therewith. Send for persons & papers

Approved December 12th, 1856.

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## NUMBER 2.

### GRANT OF LAND.

MEMORIAL to Congress for a grant of land in aid of the construction of the McGregor, St. Peters and Missouri river railroad.

*To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States.*

Your memorialists, the General Assembly of the State of Iowa, respectfully represent to your honorable body that energetic efforts are being made by the above named company, for the construction of a road commencing at McGregor, in said State, at a point opposite the terminus of the Milwaukee and Mississippi railroad, (which is now completed across the State of Wisconsin,) and running thence west to McGregor R.R.

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the Missouri river; that the route is eminently adapted to the advantageous construction of a work of this character; that it is one of the great natural lines of projected railroads commencing between the east and west; that under the donation of lands made by Congress to said State, the northern portion received no benefit therefrom, and your memorialists believing that the construction of said road would greatly facilitate the settlement, and add largely to the wealth of the northern portion of said State, ask that a donation of land lying within the State may be made to aid in its construction.

**Instructions.** *Resolved*, That our Senators in Congress be instructed, and our Representatives be requested to use their influence to procure from the General Government, a donation of every alternate section, equal to three miles in width, on each side of said road, to be given to said company on such terms as in the opinion of the Legislature of this State may be just and reasonable.

**Sec. transmit.** *Resolved*, That the Secretary of State transmit a copy of this memorial and joint resolution to each of our members of Congress.

Approved Dec. 22, 1856.

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 NUMBER 3.

## SWAMP LANDS.

JOINT RESOLUTION in relation to the swamp and overflowed lands.

**Instructions.** *Resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa*, That our Senators in Congress be instructed, and our Representatives be requested, to use all honorable means in their power to procure the passage of a law, at the present session of Congress, in accordance with the joint resolution and memorial, passed at the late extra session of the General Assembly of Iowa, and approved July the 12th, 1856, confirming the selections of swamp and overflowed lands granted to the State of Iowa, and authorizing patents to be issued for all the lands that have been selected and reserv